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the reports from this office are promptly forwarded, though it is not possible to furnish as full information as the form calls for.

In this connection I have to state that I am keeping myself carefully informed of the progress this disease is making at Alexandria, to which city it has, so far, been confined exclusively, and I submit the following facts which may be of interest:

The first case was reported on May 4 last, and since that date there have been 62 cases (in sixty-six days), 22 of which have proven fatal and 24 of which have been cured. The low percentage of deaths is remarkable and the disease is of a very mild form. Although foreigners as well as natives are attacked, it is confined to the poorest and most uncleanly classes. The Government has shown great vigilance and energy in endeavoring to eradicate it, and has made generous allowances to the authorities at Alexandria for this purpose.

Respectfully, yours,

WILLIAM DULANY HUNTER,
Vice-Consul-General, In Charge.

The honorable the ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

FRENCH IVORY COAST COLONY.

Further concerning plague at Grand Bassam.

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
Sierra Leone, July 6, 1899.

SIR: Referring to my dispatch No. 34 under date of May 9, 1899, in which I reported that Sierra Leone had quarantined against the French Ivory Coast on account of the existence of the bubonic plague, I have to inform you that the local authorities here gave public notice under date of June 30, 1899, that said coast is no longer regarded as an infected place, except Grand Bassam. Consequently, vessels arriving into this port from any part of the French Ivory Coast with clean bills of health will no longer be liable to be placed in quarantine, except from Grand Bassam of said coast.

Respectfully, yours,

JOHN T. WILLIAMS,
United States Consul.

The honorable the ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Letter from London—Plague at Alexandria, Mauritius, and Réunion.

LONDON, ENGLAND, *July 24, 1899.*

SIR: It does not appear that there is any expectation here that the bubonic plague is likely to extend much beyond its present limits. This feeling of security is due to the fact that all proper precautions are being taken. It is true that there are a considerable number of cases, and there is also some extension, yet the disposition to spread in Alexandria does not appear great, although it might be thought that all the conditions for such extension are present in that city. It is officially reported to the colonial office that the bubonic plague, which has been ranging in Hongkong and Mauritius has extended to the French island of Réunion. As to Mauritius, the official return for the week ended on Thursday last, shows that 36 cases of plague occurred during the week, and that no fewer than 29 of these proved fatal. No fresh case of plague has been reported at Alexandria for the last four days. In the earlier part of last week, however, there